MAFEKING'S LAST REPORT.

ALL WELL ON MARCH 18 AND BOER CORDON MUCH RELAXED.

Part of the Force Withdrawn to Check Plumer's Relief Column-English Auxiety for the Town's Safety-Some Boers Surrender to Clements at Philippolis.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN. London, March 25 .- The War Office has received the following despatch from Gen. Rob-

"BLOEMFONTEIN, March 25.-A telegram has just been received from Col. Nicholson (Commandant-General of RhoJesia) at Buluwayo, forwarding news from Col. Baden-Powell. (commander at Mafeking), who states thall all was well on March 13, and that during the past few days the enemy's cordon has been

much relaxed." Gen. Roberts also reports that the officers of the guards who were fired upon and wounded on March 23 are now at Bloemfontein. They are doing well

London, March 26.-If anything of importance has occurred in South Africa the correspondents have not been allowed to transmit Many therefore resort to suggesting the course which ought to be pursued toward the rebel Dutch after the war. They are imous in declaring that the loyalists fear the British Government may be too lenient, and the counsel drastic punishment of the rebels. including deprivation temporarily, or in some cases permanently, of the right of franchise. The mishap to the Guards' officers is gen-

erally put down to their own recklessness in running into an old Boer trap. The Guards' camp lies fourteen miles north of Bloemfonter, and the disaster occurred six miles north

Another despatch mentions that the Boers are troublesome and are raiding twenty miles to the north. The Guards' officers were probably investigating when they were attacked by the enemy.

There is practically no news from Natal beyond a statement that a move by Gen. Buller is expected very shortly.

The main anxiety in England is concerning Mafeking, where for the present the chief interest is centred. The news is not reassuring. Col. Plumer has been forced to withdraw, but he has thereby drawn off Commandant Snyman. Col. Plumer's aid, however, is regarded as less likely to be efficacious inasmuch as one of his force in a letter home stated that they were on half rations on Feb. 4. Col. Baden-Powell, who 's holding Mafeking, apparently must rely on himself until the Kimberley column or Gen. Roberts relieves him.

There is nothing of importance from Gen. Roberts. His supplies are reported to be steadily accumulating. The situation in the Free State south of a line through Bloemfontein remains somewhat doubtful. It seems that there is a considerable Boer force moving by way of Wepener along the Basutoland border toward Ladybrand. French is at Thaba N'Chu. The country between him and Ladybrand is very hilly. The Boers, with their guns, commanded by Commandant Olivier, may penetrate the hills and join the enemy at Kroonstad. fien. Gataere's scouts are pursuing them, but apparently they are only a trifling force.

Another Boer force is at Fauresmith, to which place Boers from Philippolis and Springtontein and that neighborhood are probably making their way.

Numerous arrests, including those of prominent Afrikanders, are constantly reported from the various tow o occupied by the British in the southern districts.

BOERS DIDN'T WASTE A SHOT.

It Was a Party From Johannesburg Who Special Cable Lespatch to THE SUN

From THE SUN'S Correspondent With Gen. Roberts. BIOEMFONTEIN, March 25. - While Lieut .- Col. A. E. Codrington of the First Battalion of the Coldstream Guards, Lieut. Col. E. M. S. Crabbe of the Third Battalion of the Grenadier Guards. Capt. Lygon, Regimental Adjutant of the Grenadiers, Lieut. G. F. Trotter of the Grenadiers, an orderly and a guide from Grahamstown were riding north six miles beyond the Guards' lines in the direction of a farm in Bishop's Glen on Friday they saw four Boers near a kopja. They rode toward the hill and when they were three hundred yards from it they encountered a sharp fire from the kopie. Capt. Lygon was hit in the heart and killed. Lieut. Col. Codrington was hit below the thigh and Lieut. -Col, Crabbe in the wrist. Lieut. Trotter was wounded in the arm. The orderly and guide were also hit.

The Boers, it was subsequently learned, were om Johannesburg. They took the wounded British to a farmhouse, where they dressed their wounds and otherwise attended to them. efter which they left them. Capt. Lygon was buried in the afternoon.

Gen. French's division has been to Thaba N'Chu.

lieavy rains are falling here.

LOYAL DUTCH PROTEST.

Roberts's Promise to Protect Rebels Wh Surrender Not Approved.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, March 25 .- A news agency despatch from Ladysmith, dated March 24, says that Gen. Roberts's proclamation, as it is understood, dissatisfies the loyal Dutch because it is taken to mean that Gen. Roberts has morally pledged himself to protect on the termination of the war the lives and property of rebels who lay down their arms and return to their homes. Gen. Roberts's proclamation accuses the Free State Government of being guilty of a

wanton and unjustifiable invasion of British territory. It says that the British Government believes that the responsibility for this rests wholly with the Government and it therefore wishes the people of the Orange Free State to understand that it wishes them no ill, and, so far as is compatible with successful conduct of the war and the redstablistiment of peace, it is anxious to preserve them from the evils brought upon them by the above passage is probably what the Natalians Kimberleyites and others in South Africa protest against as being too lenient.

DUKE OF NORFOLK TO FIGHT.

He Will Go to the Front With the Susse Yeomanry.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. London, March 25 .- The report is confirmed that the Duke of Norfolk, Postmaster-General, who has hitherto been much disappointed by his unsuccessful efforts to serve in the army in South Africa, will go to the front as an officer

I CILL TO FREE STATERS,

Volksraad Summoned to Meet at Kroonstad on April 2.

Special Cab'e / sepatch to THE SUN CAPE Town. March 25 .- It is reported that the Volksraad of the Orange Free State has been summoned to meet at Kroonstad on

Kining Working on the War Newspaper. Special I able Despat h to THE SUN

BLOEMPONTEIN, March 24.-Rudyard Kipling is hard at work in the office of the newspaper. The Friend, which is edited by the war correpondents with Gen. Roberts.

CLEMENTS OCCUPIES PHILIPPOLIS. Many Burghers Surrender-Fighting Force Retires to Fauresmith.

Special Cable Despatch to Tuz SUN PHILIPPOLIS, Orange Free State, March 23 Delayed).-Gen. Clements entered this town yesterday morning. Many Colesborg rebels were arrested in and around the place. A telegraph operator entered the office here and called up Fauresmith. The operator at that piace, replying to the Englishman's signal. said: "I am a Free State burgher and can do nothing for an Englishman.

The Boer commando left here on Saturday and it is reported that it is melting away. What remains of it is reported to be near Fauresmith.

Gen. Clements assembled the burghers in the tion to them. He added one of his own, calling upon them to surrender their arms and to take an oath not to participate any further in the war. His proclamation then provided that If it could be shown that the applicants had not taken a leading part in the policy of the Republics or in the hostilities they would be allowed to return to their farms. It was added that the burghers might be certain that the Government at Bloemfentein would never be restored. They were advised therefore to accept the inevitable. Gen. Clements said that the landdrosts and sheriffs had been reappointed under the British Government.

The burghers were attentive and began handing in their arms and taking the oath as soon as the opportunity was given. LONDON, March 26-The Daily Mail's cor-

respondent at Philippolis says that the village s full of Boers who are bringing in arms. Only few Mausers have been given up. The surrendered weapons are mostly old and broken guns. It is reported that most of the Mausers are buried at Grobelaar.

A prisoner, who was interviewed, said there was satisfaction in knowing that for every Boer who had met death in the war ten Eng-lishmen had been killed. The British posses-sion of the Free State, he added, is a danger-ous thing. There will always be rebellions.

PRETORIA PREPARING FOR A SIEGE Transvaalers Hope to Hold Out Until Intervention Gets Them Good Terms.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, March 25. - A Durban correspondent, telegraphing under date of March 24, says that authentic information has reached that city that Pretoria is aware that the Republican forces must finally be beaten, but the Boers in the Transvaal capital think they can hold out for from four to six months, when they firmly believe that intervention will force Great Britain to grant favorable terms, including independence. They look to Germany and the United States for intervention.

Pretoria is being prepared for a siege. The guns are occasionally fired in order to take the ranges. Mines have been laid and other preparations made. The prisoners there now receive better treatment. They have an ample supply of bread, and each man gets a pound of

At Waterfall, where there are over 3,000 risoners, the situation of the camp is un-healthy. The shelter for the men is insuf-cient, and there is therefore considerable sickness. The spirits of the prisoners have been raised by the news of the British successes brought by the most recent enptives. They do not fear ill treatment in view of the numer-ous Boers who are held prisoners by the British.

DELAGOA BAY AWARD DELAYED. Amount of Indemnity Fixed, but Its Division Not Decided.

Special Cable Desputch to THE SUN BERNE, March 25. - The decision of the arbitrators in the matter of the seigure by Portugal of the Delagoa Bay Railway has been | made public there was a disposition postponed. The amount of the indemnity to on the part of men who are officially and perbe poid by Portugal has been fixed, but there is difficulty regarding the distribution of the award to the different groups of claimants representing the McMurdo interest and the English company. It is believed probable that the court will leave the division to be settled

Pro-Boer Meeting in Baltimore. BALTIMORE, March 25 .- A largely attended pro-Boer meeting was held in Lehman's Hall here this evening, under the auspices of many of the leading business and professional men of the city. The speakers were Montagu White of the Transvael, and Philip Louter Wes-sels of the Orange Free State.

MYSTERY WITHOUT A MURDER.

Missing Traveller Whom a Thief Boasted He Had "Knocked Out" Turns Up.

Detective Towsma of the Elizabeth stree station was dining in a restaurant at 14 Mott street on Friday evening when he heard a man tell a companion at an adjoining table how he had "knocked out a fellow named Daniel Martin." The man was promptly arrested and taken to the station. When he was searched and taken to the station. When he was searched the police found in his possession checks for four trunks, a wallet containing \$57, a railroad ticket to Providence, R. I., an accident insurance policy made out to Daniel Martin, and a number of cards bearing the same name, with the address, 61 Lincoln avenue. Newark, N. J. The cards showed that Martin was a salesman in the employ of Cogswell & Boulter of Newark, N. J. Cogswell & Boulter have a branch office in this city, at 54 University place.

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The detectives took the checks to the Grand Central station, where they found the four trunks, which contained goods valued at \$500. Capt. Cosgrove of the Newark police was then communicated with, and it was learned through him that Martin had been missing since Thursday, when he left home intending to go to Providence, R. I., on a business trip.
At the police station the man said that his name was Frank Smith, that he came from Silvermine, near Norwalk, Conn., and that his father was the Rev. Francis Smith of Canterbury, Conn. On Saturday Smith wrote letters to his father and his wife, addressing both letters to Canterbury. He old the police that he purchased the trunk checks from an expressman.

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Smith was taken to the Centre street police court day after day and remanded while the police sought Martin. They had not found him yesterday morning and had almost made up their minds that Smith had murdered him so they had Smith remanded without bail for forty-eight hours more and set to work with redoubled determination to bring the crime home to him. A promising murder was spoiled when in the afternoon word came from the Newark police that Martin had turned up at home. He had been robbed, and the robbery charge against Smith stands. charge against Smith stands.

HOTEL GUESTS ALARMED.

small Blaze in the Auditorium Annex in Chicago Causes Excitement.

CHICAGO, March 25 .- Excitement among the guests followed the discovery of fire in the elevator shaft of the Auditorium annex at 12:30 o'clock this morning. The blaze was extinguished with slight loss, but the corridors of the third floor were filled with ridors of the third floor were filled with smoke and nearly every guest in the hotel was aroused. A woman on the fourth floor discovered the flames. She saw smoke issuing from the shaft and peering down discovered a small blaze. Her cries aroused some of the guests on that floor. Those on the second and third floors realized something was wrong when they heard the clatter of the engines, and soon afterward the trainp of the firemen on the stairs. When they saw hose being dragged through the corridors they dressed hastly and fled for the stairway. A cloud of black smoke was pouring from the elevator shaft and a small blaze was discernible. The blaze was soon extinguished, and the guests returned to their

DID HAY MAKE A BLUNDER?

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OFFER OF MEDIATION IN THE BOER WAR.

It Is Said That It May Render Nugatory the Provision of The Hague Treaty in Monroe Doctrine Is in Full Force.

WASHINGTON, March 25. - The constant repetition from European capitals and from Pretoria of the statement that this or that Continental country has answered the Boer mediation overtures with a polite declination offer its good offices to bring the war to a close, on the ground that the invitation court house and read Gen. Roberts's proclama- | did not come from both belligerents, is serving to emphasize in the minds of public men here the importance of the position assumed by the United States in tendering to Great Britain what practically amounted to the expression of a hope that this Government would be per mitted to act as a mediator.

While the course of the United States in placing itself at the disposal of the British and the Boers as a peacemaker is regarded as laudable from a humanitarian standpoint. there is some concern expressed over the possible effect of the American overtures. It had been given out by Administration officials, prior to the request of Presidents Kruger and Steyn, that this Government was restrained in tendering its services as a mediator for two important reasons. One was that mediation could not properly be offered, as expressed by President McKinley in his last annual message, unless both belligerents requested it. The other reason was found in this declaration in The Hague

"Nothing contained in this convention shall be so construed as to require the United States of America to depart from its traditional policy of not intruding upon, interfering with, or entangling itself in the political questions or policy or internal administration of any foreign State"

This clause was inserted at the instance of the American delegates to . The Hague Conference, and the virtual pledge contained to keep out of European polities was given by the official representatives of this Government in return for an acknowledgment of the Monroe Doctrine by all the signatories of the treaty

in these words: "Nor shall anything contained in the said convention be construed to imply a relinguish. ment by the United States of its traditional artitude toward purely American questions." According to officials here, who before the receipt of the Krüger and Stevn appeal to the United States for a tender of its good offices to Great Britain were willing to explain why it was that the Government had not responded to the sentiment in this country in favor of the United States taking the initiative in the peace proposal, the clause quoted from The Hague convention was a pledge that the United States would not interfere in political matters affecting foreign nations, and that, confronted by that pledge, the Government was powerless, without violating it, to offer mediation, unless requested to do so by both Great Britain and the Boer Republics. For one of the belligerents to request American aid to secure peace, it was explained, was not enough; both parties to the

war must do so. Considerable surprise was felt here therefore when it became known that the Government, in response to the request of Presidents Krüger and Steyn, had made what amounted to a tender of its services as mediator to Great Britain. Before the correspondence between the parties to the negotiations at Pretoria, Washington and London was disregard the statements that th

were astonished that such an offer had been made. They construed the message of Secremade. They construed the message of Secretary Hay to Lord Salisbury, transmitted through Henry White. United States Charge d'Affairs in London, as a direct tender of mediation (the word "intervention" was used by Secretary Hay), and could not on account of the plain language used, adopt the construction which officials continue to assert should be placed on the instructions to Mr. White, that the services of the United States Government as an "intermediary" were all

should be placed on the instructions to Mr. White, that the services of the United States Government as an "Intermediary" were all that was offered to Great Britain.

The importance of the course pursued by the United States in the mediation proceedings comes from the effect it may have on the observance by the foreign signatories of The Hague Convention of the pledge concerning the Monroe Doctrine contained in that agreement. The clause of the treaty setting forth the attitude of the United States toward foreign political matters and the recognition by the other parties to the convention of the Monroe Doctrine was regarded by the Administration and by the nations of the world as the most important feature of The Hague conference so far as the United States were concerned. It contained the first general acknowledgment by all powerful Governments that the Monroe Doctrine was in full force and effect.

It is not unreasonable to suppose, some thinking men here contend, that if the United States Government ever has occasion to seek to protect American interests which may be threatened by a foreign nation, by calling the attention of that nation to its pledge concerning the Monroe Doctrine contained in The Hague treaty, the foreign nation will hold that it does not regard that pledge as binding, because the United States Government, by offering mediation to Great Britain, violated its promise set forth in the same clause that it would not interfere with the political questions of foreign States. The fact that The Hague eat forth in set forth in the same clause that it would not Interfere with the political questions of foreign States. The fact that The Hague convention had not been ratified by all the signatory Powers, and was therefore not in effect when the offer of mediation was made, would, of course, enable the United States to claim that the non-interference clause was not binding at the time, but some of those who are interested in the matter are afraid that the important victory gained by the United States at The Hague has been thrown away.

WANDERINGS OF OLD JOHN BENNETT Retired Oysterman Lost and Found Again

-Worth \$2 and a Feed to Take Him Home.

A respectably dressed old man, wandering aimlessly about at Sixty-fifth street and Amsterdam avenue at noon yesterday was noticed by a policeman and taken to the West Sixtyeighth street station. There the old man said he was John Bennett, that he was 77 years old and lived at 494 Hudson street. He told the policeman who found him that he would give him \$2 and the finest oyster stew he ever ate if he would take him home. A message was sent to

trainp of the firemen on the stairs. When they saw hose being dragged through the corridors they dressed hastily and fied for the stairways. A cloud of black smoke was pouring from the elevator shaft and a small blaze was discernible. The blaze was soon extinguished, and the guests returned to their rooms.

THE NEW CUNARD LINER

Ivernia Has a Trial Trip and Is Scheduled to Sail for New York on April 11.

Spec al Cable I spatch to The Sus.

LONDON. March 25.—The Cunard Line steamer Ivernia, the third largest vessel in the world, her gross tonuage teing 13,800, made her trial trip on Saturday. It is intended that she shall sail for New York on April 11.

CLINTON INSTITUTE BURNED.

It Was a Preparatory School and Military Academy-Loss About \$100,000.

FORT PLAIN, N. Y., March 25,-Clinton Liberal Institute, a college preparatory school and United States military academy, was destroyed by fire this afternoon. The fire, which commenced shortly before 4 c'clock, was caused by a fumigating and disinfecting procedure usual Which the Powers Recognize That the at this time. The building was comparatively vacant, the students and most of the faculty having left for their homes yesterday to spend the regular Easter vacation. The institute occupied a high, conspicuous place, and the fire started at a point that was most favorable for a stiff breeze to successfully overcome all efforts at battling with the flames. The local fire department responded promptly, but their efforts were fruitless. In less than a half hour the big five-story building was a mass of flames. About an hour after the alarm the big tower fell with a crash and was quickly followed by falling walls and chimneys. An hour later the fire was practically over, all that was inflammable having been consumed, and an area of smoking ruins marked the site of one of the leading educational institutions of its class in the country.

Clinton Liberal Institute was owned by the Clinton Liberal Institute was owned by the Universalists of the State of New York, and was conducted under their supervision. The principal is Dr. William Cary Josifa (Brown). The detailed United States Military Commandant is Col. Edward H. Barber. The building was a five-story structure, 100 feet wide and 215 feet deep, and the location was unsurpassed, both from a picturesque and healthful standpoint. The graduates include such important personness as Grover Clayeland. standpoint. The graduates include such important personages as Grover Cleveland, Mrs. Roswell F. Flower and Gage E. Tarbell. Second Vice-President of the Equitable Life. In 1879 the institute co-educational, removed from Clinton, this State, to Fort Plain, and a few years ago was transformed into a United States military academy. It will doubtless be rebuilt, the armory, next to the bigg st school armory in the country, having been saved. The faculty and students numbered 21 and 150, respectively. The outlook for the coming year was especially good, 1,500 applications for catalogues having been received. Steps have been taken to enable the students to complete this term.

ter n. The loss is estimated at between \$90,000 and \$100,000; insurance about \$30,000. Owing to the absence of faculty and students, personal losses are also heavy, the vacation being a short one and nearly all their effects being in the burned building.

JAMES DUNLAP ARRESTED.

Famous Bank Robber Held by Chicago Police-Steel Drillis in His Satchel.

CHICAGO, March 25 -James Dunlap, the well-known bank robber, who was concerned in the blowing of the Northampton bank safe sands of dollars in currency, was arrested by | found one, Central Station detectives last night and wil in Chicago are explained. Dunlap was surprise f as he was entering his apartments and

disregard the statements that the good offices of the United States had been effered to Great Britain. This view was supported by the statements emanating from officials familiar with what was going on between the three capitals, that the United States had offered merely to act as an intermediary and not as a mediator, the distinction being made that an intermediary was a messenger to transmit communications between two nations that, on account of their quarrel, could not communicate with each other directly.

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Democrats and Populists Can't Agree and the Populists Will Go It Alone.

INDIANAPOLIS, March 25.-It became known here to-day that the Democrats and Populists have failed to reach an understanding in reference to fusion and as a result the Populists have called a State nomination convention for May I and will put a full State ticket in the field. At a recent conference of the leaders of the Populists and Democrats the former asked for representation on the State Democratic ticket and pledged themselves not to nominate a ticket if two places were given to them. The Democrats declined to consider the proposition on the ground that there are bemocratic aspirants for all of the nominations and that none of the candidates would be willing to step aside for Populists, and it was very doubtful if the convention would make such concessions.

The Populist leaders then notified the Democrats that they would not only nominate a State ticket but would also put up candidates for Congress in the several districts. The conference adjourned with the understanding that there was no possibility of fusion and the Populists immediately issued the call for the State convention. Leading Democrats express the helief that the majority of the Populists will vote the Democratic ticket anyhow. May 1 and will put a full State ticket in

DIVIDED TEXAS POPULISTS. One Side Is for Bryan Fusion and the Other Is for Debs Fusion. Dallas, Tex., March 25,-After a full day's onference between the fusion and anti-fusion Populist factions at Waco yesterday, the State Executive Committee last night called a State Executive Committee last night called a State convention to be held at Fort Worth on May 4 to select National Convention delegates and to decide at which convention Texas shall be represented, the one to assemble at Sioux Falls, S. D., or the one to be assembled in Cincinnati. Another State convention was called to meet in Waco on July 24 to nominate a State ticket. It developed during the proceedings yesterday and last night, which at times were characterized by bitter personalities, that neither laction has the right to assert that it is anti-fusion. The Bryan faction, led by State Chairman Bradley and Harry Tracy, is openity in favor of fusion with the Democracy in support of Bryan for President, white the Middle-of-the-Roaders, headed by Milton Fark, want only the sightest, pretext or

on lark, want only the slightest pretext ouragement to unite with the Socialists in DYING WHILE THEY TALKED.

Old Man Sat Through an Irish Meeting Un noticed, and Died Soon After.

Charles Consuelo, a plasterer, 75 years old. went from his home, 100 Christopher street, to Stalling's Hotel, at 420 Hudson street, to Stalling's Hotel, at 420 Hudson street, at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and sat down in a chair in the dining room. The old man, who was well known in the neighborhood, has been ill with pneumonia recently. Yesterday was his first day out of doors. Nobody disturbed him as he sat in the chair with his eyes closed. The Irish Volunteer Association met in the room in the alternoon and stormed at the Queen, but Consuelo was not roused.

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At 10 o'clock last night Slattery, the owner of the hotel, found that Consuelo was in something like a trance and could not be waked up. Dr. Daly of St. Vincent's Hospital was called. He said that the old man was in a precarious condition and would certainly die if he were moved. He was made as comfortable as tossible in the hotel, but he died at mid-

R. T. COPTRACTOR VEXED.

ANTI-SHEET CROWD PROMISING JOBS ON THE TUNNEL

Goodwin-Smith Circular Says the Thirtyfive District Landers Are Likely to Get 300 Appointments Sach Emhpatic "No Politics" From Contractor McDonald.

The Goodwin-Smith faction of the Demoeratic party in the Sinth Assembly district got out a circular on Friday to be mailed to every enrolled Democrat, intended to influence them against John C. Sheehan, and in it they included a paragraph which made the Hon. John B. McDonald, contractor for the construction and operation of the Rapid Transit Tunnel, very hot when it was called to his attention. The paragraph was near the end of the circular, and was as follows: The present situation is a serious one for the

Ground will be broken on Saturday next for the great Rapid Transit Tunnel. Ten thousand men will be employed during the course of that work. It will be conducted by John B. McDonald, a Tammany Hall contractor, under the supervision of a Tammany Hall city administration. There are thirty-five district leaders in this borough, and each will likely get 300 appointments for his district. Three hundred laborers at \$2 per day, the legal rate, would mean the addition of \$600 more a day to the money circulation of each district. The question that agitates us is, Will this district get its share of this patronage while Mr. Sheehan remains leader? We believe not. We fear it will go to other districts. This is the true state of affairs, and one of the reasons why we have in-

terfere i in this district squabble." The "we" referred to in the circular is the "Business Men's Independent Association" of the district, whose headquarters are at 200 Ninth avenue. It is an annex of the Goodwin-Smith faction of which the Hon. Thomas F. Smith, clerk of the Circuit Court and private cecretary of the Hon. Richard Croker, is one of the leaders. Mr. Smith is very familiar with the leaders of the Business Men's Association, forty-three of whom signed the circular. Copies of the circular were distributed by the Horatio Seymour Club, the Goodwin-Smith organization in the district, to the newspapers last evening. Some copies got over to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, and there a when the vaults were robbed of many thou- good Tammany man from another district

As soon as he had read it he began to talk in be held until half a dozen recent safe blowings | a very uncomplimentary way about Councilman Goodwin and Mr. Smith, saying that their political wisd in was very short if they thought any good would come of announcing that the

in Chicago are explained. Dunlap was surprised as he was entering his apartments and surrendered without astruggle. At the time of his arrest he was entrying a black hand satchel containing a full set of finely-wrought steel drills which had seen recent use. In the satchel was \$126,70 in gold and silver, mostly coins of small denomination. The money was in a small clear box and is evidently the proceeds of a safe robbery.

When taken to his cell the bank robber preserved a strict silcance and refused to explain any of his movements of the last week or to say where he had got the articles in the black handbag. In his forty years' experience as bank burglar Dunlap has figured in crimes which have become historic because of their boldness and the large amounts of money secured by the perpetrators.

Junlap was the leading spirit in the Cummings gang of bank burglars, organized by Dave Cummings in 1873. Other members in this gang were Bob Scott, Mike Dunap, Jack Burke and George Mason. The gang obtained while notoriety by robbing the First National Benk of Quincy, Ill., where they secured over \$5500,000 in cash and valuable securities. Dunap was the safe expert, and his part of the robbery consisted in blowing open the vaults, which he did with but little trouble. It was said of him after that exploit that "the safe would never be built which would baffle James Dunlap."

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eart to Contractor John B. McDonald during the
Rapid Transit ceremonies on inst Saturday."
The Goodwin-Smiths will hold an anti-Sheehan mass meeting at the Horatio Seymour
Club, 291 and 293 Eighth avenue, this evening.
Prominent Tammany men will speak. Mr.
Goodwin declares that Mr. Sheehan has instructed his captains to tell the voters that the
Tammany Executive Committee has declared
the fight against him off. Mr. Goodwin says
this Isn't so, but that Mr. Sheehan has tried
unsuccessfully to have the committee interfere.

OUTLVING PROPLES VISIT US

Woman Kneels at R. T. Tablet-Man Asks in City Hall for a Ticket to East New York. In the big crowd that visited City Hall Park yesterday to look at the tunnel tablet was a gray-haired woman who, when she reached a point opposite the tablet knelt and began to pray. One of the policemen on guard touched her on the shoulder and told her that she must not block the way. See looked up at him and

not block the way. See looked up at him and said:

"I thought it was a new grave. Isn't it?"

Custo han Keese of the City Hall thought that some of the visitors, who evidently came from the uttermost parts of the outlying boroughs, would enjoy walking through the corridor of the building. He built a barricade at the foot of the stairways and threw the doors on the south and north fronts open. A crowd of at least 15,000 persons walked through the building. One of the visitors apparently mistook it for the entrance to the Brooklyn Bridge, for he approached Mr. Keese and said: ere is the ticket office? I want to go to

TROLLEY CAR SMASSES A CARRIAGE. Blocks the Eighth Avenue Line and Injure Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of Jersey City.

An Eighth avenue trolley car ran into a carriage at Chambers street and West Broadway yesterday afternoon, demolishing the carriage, smashing the hood of the trolley carand twisting the fender all out of shape. Mr. and Mra ing the fender all out of shape. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson of 232 West End avenue, Jersey City, who were on their way to the Chambers Street Ferry in the carriage, were thrown out and cut about the hands and leas. An ambulance surgeon vatched them up and they continued their fourney in another carriage. A wrecking crew cleared the track of the demolished carriage after a blockade of twenty minutes and the battered trolley or was pushed up to the aftered trolley car was pushed up to the Fiftieth street car house

BROCKTON, Mass., March 25,-Eastondale, a small town near here, is talking over the marriage of a thirteen-year-old girl with a boy of fifteen, the wedding taking place, moreover, with the full consent of the parents of both bride

H. C. Frick Going to Atlantic City. ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 25 .- H. C. Frick of l'itisburg has secured rooms for himself and family at Hotel Traymore and will occupy them Wednesday. He intends to stay one 1 month.

BANK WRECKERS CONVICTED.

James Baxter and Ferdinand Lemieux Found Guilty in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Quebec, March 25.-The trial of James Baxter, the Montreal broker, and Ferdinand Lemieux, ex-accountant of the defunct Ville Marie Bank, on a charge of conspiracy to Krum, White, Stranahan, Ellsworth and defraud the bank out of a large sum of money. was concluded last night in the Court of Queen's Bench. Judge Wurtele, the presiding Judge, charged strongly against the prisoners holding that the evidence clearly showed that there had been a conspiracy between Baxter. Lemieux and Teller Herbert to defraud the bank.

The jury, which was locked up for the night, came into court this morning and returned a verdict of guilty, with a strong recommendation to mercy. Baxter broke down and wept when he heard the verdiet. His young son threw his arms around his father's neck and

It is expected that the prisoners will receive It is expected that the prisoners will receive at least five years in the penitentiary unless the verdict can be set aside. Baxter, who is now about 60 years old, came to Canada some years ago from Chicago, where he had got into trouble, and started a note-shaving and brokerage business. He made money and acquired considerable property. He was mixed up in the Central Bank failure in Toronto and the Exchange Bank failure in Montreal some years ago, but proceedings against him collabsed. He was charged a couple of years ago with smuggling diamonds from the United States and was arrested at Plattsburg, but managed to escape from the officer who had him in charge and got safely across the border. district and we should ask ourselves if a change of leadership is not now imperative. We are reliably informed that Mr. Sheehan will receive no recognition from Tammany Hall.

TRIED TO KILL A PRIEST.

The Rev. Father Dalge Shot on a Train

by a Man He Had Never Seen. Dallas, Tex., March 25 .- An attempt was made this morning to assassinate the Rev. Father Daige, a Catholic priest who was traveling on a westbound passenger train on the Texas and Pacific Road. The train was standing in the station at the little town of Lambert. | life. In one or two little things one or seven miles west of Weatherford. A man sitting two seats behind Father Dalge suddeply sprang up and fired two shots at him from a pistol, the assassin leaning over the unoccupied seat between himself and the priest. Father Daige grasped his assailant by the throat pulled him forward over the top of the seat wrenched the pistol from his hand and held him until assistance came. A physician on the train examined the priest's head, where one of the bullets had struck and found a scale wound an inch and a half long which bied freely. The skull was not injured seriously. The man who did the shooting was taken in charge by the train crew and passengers who conveved him to Eastland, the nearest county seat on the road, where he was placed in jail to await the arrival of officers from Parker county, in which the crime was committed. Father Daige said that he had never before seen the man and knew nothing about him. The priest had been to Weatherford to hold early morning mass and was returning to his home at Thurber. Father Dalge grasped his assailant by the

NOT ENGAGED TO MISS GREEN. Duke de la Torre Denies the Report of a Marriage to the Heiress.

CHICAGO, Marah 25 .- L. C. Serrano, otherwise Duke de la Torre of Spain, who was reported recently as engaged to the daughter of Hetty Green of New York, arrived at the Auditorium Annex to-day. The Duke laughed when asked about his reported engagement.

"There is nothing in the report," he said. I met the young woman socially and the gos-"I met the young woman socially and the gossips did the rest. I spent several weeks in New
York and enjoyed the hospitality shown me. I
also spent three weeks in Washinston. From
Chicago I will go on to San Francisco.
"I came to the United States merely as a
private citizen to see your country and to investigate your military system in an unofficial
way. I find no enmity toward Spain among
the American people and have been splendidity treated. There is little feeling in Spain
against the United States. The enmity which didly treated. There is little feeling in Spain against the United States. The enmity which does exist is principally among the official class now out of employment through the loss of Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines. Thousands have lost official positions through the loss of the colonies and these, of course, feel bitter toward the United States."

TWO GIRLS ROBBED.

Left Without Money to Get Home. 16 years of age, who said they live! at Harrison, N. J., reported to Sergt, Clarke at night that they had been held up and robbed of:\$12 near the old iron pier by two young men whom they had met in a hail on the Bowery. The men after dancing with the girls induced them to go to the beach, where they demanded whatever money was in their possession and got it.

They also threatened them with violence if they made an outery. As the girls were without money to reach home money was given them at the police station. A description of the men were given to the police, but up to a late hour last night no arrests had been made.

late bour last night no arrests had been made Depredations of a Pack Which Roams the

College Point Marshes. The stretch of salt meadows lying between College Point and Whitestone, L. I., abounds in street and Third avenue yesterday and passed ferocious dogs. The dogs, it is believed. sprang from a pack that formerly belonged to Henry Wurtz, who conducted a fat-boiling Henry Wurtz, who conducted a fat-boiling establishment on the meadows. He had about a dozen dogs and when he discontinued his business several years ago he left them about the place. The animals live by making raids on neighboring barnyards. A fine Newfoundland dog helonging to a Whitestone man was recently killed by the meadow dogs and dragged into the old fat house. An effort is to be made by the police to exterminate the marauders.

marauders. BLACKENED EYES IN THE PULPIT.

Minister Who Resisted an Assault Gets Hurt but Preaches as Usual. COLUMBIA, S. C., March 25.-The Rev. J. E. McManaway, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Greers, went into his rulpit to-day with binck eyes and a swollen face, the result of a fight with Lewis Cannon, a well-known young man There was a question as to whether a certain lot adjoining the cemetery belonged to the church or to David Cannon, one of its prominent members. Young Cannon, hearing that the preacher had used derogatory remarks about his father, went to his home. Mr. McManaway disclaimed the remarks, but on his horizontaked by Cannon, made, agod facht

attacked by Cannon made a good fight EMULATED DR. PARKHURST. louthern Preacher Parades His Vice In

vestigations in the Pulpit. CHARLESTON, S. C., March 25 .- The Arthur Crane, pastor of the First Baptist Church, preached a sensational sermon to-day on vice and sin in Charleston. Last week he isited the "blind tigers," gambling houses visited the bind digers, gambing nouses and questionable resorts, and his sermon was a tirade against these places. He made statements in the pulpit about the city not altogether true, and some of his stories and lokes had the congregation in a flutter of laug for and merriment. It was a sensational day for a church. A great many people here are not in sympathy with the movement.

Senator Platt in Atlantic City.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 25,-United States Senator Thomas C. Platt arrived here yesterday from Washington and joined his wife at the Haddon Hall. Mrs. Platt has bee ill, but is now recovering rapidly. The re-port that a political conference was going of at the Haddon Hall among Republican leader on the Presidential question is not true.

Bank Robbers Seenre \$3,000 in Illinois. MILEORD, Ill., March 25.-The safe in the bank of Alexander Rate, at Wellington, a small

town seven miles south of this city was blown open at an early hour yesterday and robbed of \$3,000 and \$300 in drafts and school orders.

New Fast Train to Detroit. The New York Central's Pearoit Special" leaves New York daily at 4.00 P. M. Stops at Garrison. Pisnkill, Publisheepsie, Rhinecliff, tuskill, Hudson, Albany, Schessedady, etc. Dining, Supplied and Farter care. Buminated by Pintsch Light.—Ads. Rabbi Wise is 81 years old.

HOUSE OF LORDS TO QUIT!

FIVE STATE SENATORS WHO, IT IS

SAID, WONT RUN AGAIN.

Higgins-Party Associates Say That They Will Be Sorely Missed-Wouldn't Say as Much of Coggeshall and Willis.

Sometimes you hear in New York city important matters concerning Republican affairs in Albany. Invariably those interested believe it to be consistent with their notions of political propriety to deny anything that comes out of New York. The deceit, however, is only one-day affair, and binds nobody.

For instance, it was announced last night by what must be considered high Republican authorities that most of the members of the "House of Lords" in the Republican State Senate at Albany are not to seek renominations this fall. That Republican "House of Lords" in the State Senate at Albany is made up principally of the Hon. Hobart Krum of Schoharie, the Hon. Horace White of Onondaga, the Hon. Nevada N. Stranahan of Oswego, the Hon. Timothy E. Ellsworth of Niagara and the Hon. Frank Wayland Higgins of Cattaraugus.

No matter whether these five gentlemen make up what is known in Albany as the "House of Lords" or not, and no matter whether or not some of their Republican brethren in the State Senate have sometimes said that their iron rule and alleged personal discourtesy have led to misunderstandings the fact remains, in the estimation of those familiar with their history, that Messrs. Krum, White, Stranghan, Ellsworth and Higgins have been clean and upright in all their Senatorial two of them have been called narrow, but the agreement is general that they have been straight. And for this reason Republicans hereabouts who were acquainted last night with the statement that the members of the

fix as ex-President Harrison of Indiana, who once said to the writer in the White House, "I want to be a good fellow, only I don't know

But all these members of "the House of Lords" are known for their personal probity. and the testimony last night by Republicans fresh from Albany was that if they carry out their determination not to seek renomination to the Senate the Republican party of the State will feel the loss. The same men would not say as much for Coggeshall of Oneida and Willis of Schuvler if they should seek to spare themselves further legislative

HIS THROAT OUT IN THE STREET Italian Contractor Perhaps Dying of an

Injury Plainly Not Self-Inflicted. Freeli Lecadino, a contractor living at 2359 Arthur avenue, was found lying on the side walk about 100 feet south of his home, at 9:15 o'clock last night, with his throat cut from ear to car. How he came to be there in the condition in which he was found no one was able to explain. He was taken to Fordham Hospital in an ambulance, and Dr. Thebford, who attended him, said that his chance of recovers

was slight. At Lecadipo's home it was said that he has been concerned in the building of a great number of houses in The Bronx in the last 16 years of age, who said they live at Harrison, N. J., reported to Sergt, Clarke at the West Eighth street station at 6 o'clock last night that they had been held up and robbed of \$12 near the old iron pier by two young men whom they had met in a hail on the Bowery. The men after dancing with the girls induced them to go to the beach, where they demanded whatever money was in their possession and got it.

They also threatened them with violence if they made an outcry. As the girls were with-

HOT SHOT FOR DUBLIN CORPORATION. Irish Meeting Here Denounces the Welcom-

ing of the Queen to Ireland. Representatives of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, Clan-na-Gael and several Irish literary and athletic organizations met at Fernando's Assembly Rooms at Fifty-fifth resolutions denouncing the Dublin corporation for preparing to welcome the Queen to Ireland. and "the attempt of the English Government to conciliate the Irish people." John T. Hughes, president of the Cork Men's Association pre-

president of the Cork Men's Association presided.

The resolutions were passed with great enthusiasm. They declared that "by bribes and strategy and by other disreputable means" the unworthy among the Irish had been induced to prepare addresses of welcome for the Queen, and otherwise to hold out the pretence that the people of Ireland were deceived by her specious behaviour, and that the Irish societies of New York desired to notify the governments and peoples of the civilized world "that the actions of a few renegade Councilors of one Irish town and the pushlandmous conduct of a recreant Mayor." did not represent the attitude of the Irish people any more than "the actions of the Irish people any more than "the actions of the Irish people any more than "the actions of the Irish people and the real sympathies of the Irish people in the conflict in South Africa.

HOLD-UP IN A BROADWAY STORE Thieves Get a Handful of Bills and Escape

While Broadway was crowded with home-going theatre folks on Saturday night two men intered Aldao's cigar store, near the corner of Thirty-seventh street. Alexander Aldao, the eighteen-year-old nephew of the proprietor. was in charge of the store. He speaks little English, having only recently come here from

The men asked for two good eigars and handed the boy a two-dollar bill in payment. He didn't have sufficient change in the cash drawer and he placed on the cigarcase a cigar box in which he delived for change. As the boy was getting the change one of the men reached over and struck him in the face with his list. The boy recle black against the wall and the other man grabbed what bills there were in the cigar box and both men ran out of the store. ware in the store.

The men had got out before the boy knew what had happened. He made no outery, but ran to the store. He saw both men disappearing in West Thirty-seventh street, toward Seventh avenue. The police of the West Thirtieth cath avenue. eath avenue. The police of the West Thirtieth street station heard of the robbery yesterday.

RIOTERS IN CORE 1

Natives Object to the Granting of Mining Concessions to Foreigners. TACOMA, Wash., March 25 -Oriental mall ad-

vices are that 2,000 Corean rioters have taken

the field and declars that no more mining con-cessions shall be granted to foreigners. They cite the fact that foreign companies are making millions while they are starving Rabbi I. M. Wise Dangerously Ill.

CINCINNATI, March 25 -Dr. I. M. Wise, the